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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended one month from May 18, 2005 to June 18, 2005 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

Authorization to charge the official fees for this filing is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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